World Bank Report On Living Standards in India

5912. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has prepared any report on the living standards of the people of India wherein they have stated that there are no immediate signs of improvement in the living standards of people;

(b) if so, the salient points of the report;

(c) the reasons for there being no perceptible improvement in the living standards of the people even after so many economic reforms; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to improve the living standards of the people of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GARANG) : (a) to (c) An extract from the Social Indicators of the Development 1995, a World bank Publication is enclosed as Statement (*See* below). It indicates improvement over the period.

(b) The Eighth Plan recognizes "Human Development" as a core of all developmental efforts. Health, education, literacy and basic needs including drinking water, housing and welfare programmes for the weaker sections have been identified as priority areas for human development.

Statment

Social Indicators of Developement for India

	Indicator	Unit of measure	Estimate		
			Latest Single Year		Most recent available
			70—75	80—85	88—93
1.	GNP per apita	US $	180	280	300
2.	Infant Mortality	per 1000 live birth	132	106	80
3.	Life Expectancy	years	50	55	61
4.	Total Fertility rate	births per woman	5.4	4.5	3.7
5.	Population per Physician	persons	4958	2515	2446
6.	Population per hospital bed	persons	1720	1296	1364
7.	Primary education enrolment	% of school age population	79	96	106
8.	Newspaper circulation	per thousand population	15	26	31

	Indicator	Unit of measure	Estimate		
			Latest Single Year		Most recent available
			70—75	80—85	88—93
9.	Illiteracy	% of population (age 15+)	66	56	52
10.	Energy Consumption	Kg of oil equivalent	123	170	243
11.	Total road lengths	000 kms	1375	1546	1636

Source : Social Indicato. ' Development 1995 — A World Bank Book.

Amount Spent Under Local Area Development Scheme

5913. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of assistance spent during 1994-95 under M.P.s Local Area Development Scheme;

(b) whether the programme has been reviewed by Government;

(c) if so, what extent the programmes have achieved success;

(d) whether there is a proposal to enhance the allocation for the programme during 1995-96; and

(e) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG) : (a) Information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The programme has recently been launched.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

Rise in Educated Unemployed Youth in M.P.

5914. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a substantial rise in unem-